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BROOKS ANNOUNCES HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS FOR PITTSFORD, PERINTON & EAST ROCHESTER

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced today that the County's Department of Environmental Services in conjunction with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Stay Cool! Program, and with the towns of Perinton and Pittsford and the villages of East Rochester, Fairport and Pittsford invites residents to kick-off their spring cleaning by properly recycling old, inefficient room air conditioners (RACs) and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) free of charge. The RAC and HHW collection will be held at the Pittsford Highway Garage, 60 Golf Ave., on Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. **Appointments are required for the HHW collections.** No appointment is necessary if you are only dropping off an old room air conditioner. This is the second of six regional HHW collections for 2007.

"Monroe County is committed to providing opportunities for residents to recycle old, inefficient room air conditioners and dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner." stated **County Executive Brooks**. *"NYSERDA's Stay Cool! Program is an important tool in our efforts to help Monroe County residents conserve energy, and streamline their electric bills."*

In 2000, NYSERDA created a unique summer campaign aimed at educating New York's consumers about smart energy use during the year's hottest months, when New York's power supply is under the most strain. New Yorkers responded in droves, recycling more than 260,000 inefficient RACs since the program's inception. This statewide Stay Cool! Partnership between NYSERDA and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) continues in 2007.

Most household hazardous waste (such as paint, flammables and other chemicals from home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When these materials become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

During 2006, the Department of Environmental Services, in cooperation with the Eastman Kodak Company, safely disposed of 293 tons of hazardous material.

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To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** for all HHW collections. **Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until May 18.** To schedule an appointment Pittsford and East Rochester residents can call 248-6250. Perinton and Fairport residents should call 223-5115. **Waste from businesses will not be accepted.**

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of Latex Paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

DO NOT BRING used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); Propane tanks (permanent household hazardous waste facility only); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash).

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile household hazardous waste collection, the County's permanent collection facility is open (by appointment only) weekly. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 753-7600 (option 3), or go on-line to www.monroecounty.gov

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